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SUBJECT: LA REACTION TO SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA

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1. NEALGOCR IS CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLES IN AFRICA AS PART OF ITS GENERAL PREOCCUPATION WITH THE PERCEIVED ADVANCE OF COHNUFMM IN RECENT YEARS. THE GOVERNMENT IS CONTENT TO SEE THE US AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM; AFRICA IS SOMEWHAT REMOVED FROM COSTA RICAN REALITY, ESPECIALLY AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION.

2. THE ATTENDANT PROBLEMS THAT THE GOCR SEES HAVE TO DO WITH CUBA'S POTENTIAL TO CARRY OUT IN CENTRAL AMERICA WHAT IT IS DOING IN AFRICA. ALTHOUGH THIS IS OF REAL CONCERN IN SOME PARTS OF THE NEW GOCR, IN MOST OTHERS IT IS THOUGHT THAT "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE". A GOOD PART OF THAT BELIEF IS BASED ON FAITH THAT THE U.S. WOULDN'T LET IT HAPPEN, A VIEW SHARED BY PRACTICALLY ALL COSTA RICANS.

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3. THE COSTA RICAN PRESCRIPTION FOR HANDLING SOVIET/ CUBAN PENETRATION IN AFRICA IS SOME STRONG USG EUROPEAN REACTION, SUCH AS THE MOST RECENT ONE IN ZAIRE.

4. THE GOCR SEEMS SO FAR TO BE ABLE TO SEPARATE CUBA'S AND THE USSR'S ROLES IN AFRICA FROM THE POLICIES OF THESE COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA. THE COSTA RICANS

HAVE NOT YET REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE AFRICAN ADVENTURE  
IN TERMS OF IT BEING AN ISSUE OF DIVISIVENESS AMONG  
HEMISPHERIC COUNTRIES.  
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